

Amendments to Claims

1–2 (cancelled).

3. (original) A footwear upper comprising a base fabric and a coating on at least one surface of the base fabric, wherein the base fabric is a thermally pointbonded nonwoven fabric and the coating is selected from the group consisting of polyurethane and polyvinyl chloride and wherein the upper functions additionally as a lining.

4. (new) A footwear upper comprising a thermally pointbonded nonwoven base fabric coated with a material on at least one surface of the base fabric and wherein the material is impregnated throughout the interior of the fabric, the material being selected from the group consisting of polyurethane and polyvinyl chloride and wherein the upper functions additionally as a lining.

5. (new) The footwear upper of either claim 3 or 4, wherein the base fabric comprises fibers selected from the group consisting of nylon 6 staple fibers, nylon 66 staple fibers, nylon 6/nylon 66 sheath/core staple fibers, and blends thereof.